

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Takashi KANO et al.

Serial No.: 10/720,836

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                  AIDED DESIGN APPARATUS, AIDED  
                  DESIGN METHOD, AND  
Title: RECORDING MEDIUM FOR  
                  RECORDING PROGRAM FOR  
                  CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

Group Art Unit: 2123

Examiner: STEVENS, THOMAS H

Attorney Docket No.: SERA:001

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AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 18, 2006, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely. No fee is due. The Commissioner, however, is authorized to charge any unaccounted fee(s), such as for extension of time, excess claim fees, etc., required to maintain pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.